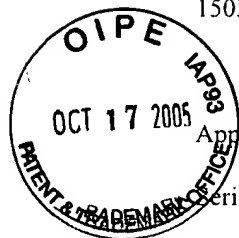


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicant: Masaharu Yoshiyama et al.

Serial No.: 09/911,784

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For: DATABASE RETRIEVING METHOD USING  
COST COMPARISON, APPARATUS AND  
STORAGE MEDIUM THEREOF

Art Unit: 2167

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended		Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	16	-	20	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	=	\$ 0
Independent Claims	10	-	10	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$ 0
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims							\$360.00	=	\$ 0
							Total Additional Fee		\$ 0
							Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)		\$

(X) Amendment D.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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